

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: JULY 1, 2021

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER'S APPLICATION TO APPROVE 2021 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, CASE NO. IPC-E-21-20

On June 23, 2021, Idaho Power Company ("Company") filed an Application for approval of its new service agreement with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for service at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The current agreement, approved in Order No. 33621, expires on September 14, 2021, and the new agreement is set to become effective on September 15, 2021. Idaho Power asks the Commission to process the Application using Modified Procedure. If the processing of this case extends beyond September 15, 2021, the Company asks for an extension of the expiring agreement until the new agreement is approved.

BACKGROUND

"Idaho Power has supplied electric service to the DOE and its predecessors since 1950 and currently serves DOE under a special contract in accordance with the rates and charges set out in Electric Service Rate Schedule 30 ("Schedule 30") and its successor schedules." Application at 2. The Company and DOE successfully negotiated the terms and conditions of the new 2021 special services agreement that has been signed by the contracting parties and is attached to the Company's Application. Attachment 1.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Commission Staff (“Staff”) recommends that the Commission process the Company’s Application using Modified Procedure. Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting an August 18, 2021, comment deadline for Staff and interested persons and a reply comment deadline of August 25, 2021, for the Company.

Staff believes this case can be processed in a timely manner and that it is not necessary for the Commission to approve an extension of the expiring 2016 Agreement approved in Order No. 33621.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting an August 18, 2021, comment deadline for Staff and interested persons and an August 25, 2021, reply comment deadline for the Company?

Does the Commission wish to approve or not approve an extension of the expiring 2016 Agreement approved in Order No. 33621?



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